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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Foreign-Trade Zones Board [B-68-2015]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 102 – St. Louis, Missouri Notification of Proposed Production Activity H-J Enterprises, Inc./H-J International, Inc. (Electrical Transformer Bushing Assemblies) High Ridge, Missouri

The St. Louis County Port Authority, grantee of FTZ 102, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board on behalf of H-J Enterprises, Inc./H-J International, Inc. (H-J), located at two sites in High Ridge, Missouri. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on October 20, 2015.

A separate application for subzone designation at the H-J facilities is planned and will be processed under Section 400.31 of the FTZ Board's regulations. The facilities are used for the production of electrical transformer bushing assemblies for utility companies. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished products described in the submitted notification (as described below) and subsequently authorized by the FTZ Board.

Production under FTZ procedures could exempt H-J from customs duty payments on the foreign-status components used in export production. On its domestic sales, H-J would be able to choose the duty rates during customs entry procedures that apply to porcelain and epoxy electrical transformer bushing assemblies (duty rates 2.7% and 3%, respectively) for the foreign-status inputs noted below. Customs duties also could possibly be deferred or reduced on foreign-status production equipment.

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The components and materials sourced from abroad include: rubber bushing plugs; iron/

steel bolts, screws, studs and washers; steel ground pads; copper tubes, studs and terminals;

brass washers, bolts, screws, nuts, studs and terminals; aluminum/steel bushing inserts and

caps; aluminum clamps and plugs; steel hinges, steel/brass fittings and connectors;

copper/brass/steel drain valves; steel/brass inserts and bushing caps; bayonet fuses;

porcelain/epoxy bushing assemblies; fuse end bells; electrical leads; porcelain insulators; and

level gauges (duty rates range from 1.8% to 8.5%).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be addressed to the

FTZ Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is

[INSERT DATE 40 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection at the Office of the

Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 21013, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230-0002, and in the "Reading

Room" section of the FTZ Board's website, which is accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

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Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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